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Tuesday, 9 September 1952

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1. Phoned [REDACTED] and indicated to him that his recent memo respecting availability of higher education within Training was not an adequate action or follow-up on our recent conversation. I felt that it was imperative to have some study which the various IADs could use as a basis for planning for a training program. After some discussion, [REDACTED] undertook to prepare such a 25X1A9a paper and forward same to me.

2. Arranged with Mr. McCormack to see him on Monday, September 15, in New York and informed DCI that I was going there on a recruiting mission.

3. Had several discussions with Generals Partridge and Porter respecting the proposed revision of MC 33. No final decision was reached. Later in the day I discussed this with Sherman Kent. Also requested Mr. Reber to put this item on the IAC Agenda for Thursday.

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4. Discussed with [REDACTED] of Mr. Wisner's office the question of research support for PW. Mr. Wisner and he had been briefed on this matter and concurred in the position I had suggested. [REDACTED] however, was of 25X1A9a the view that the project proposed for POC was considerably narrower than I had thought. [REDACTED] idea was that POC wanted merely an over-all evaluation of the Soviet PW effort. Others with whom I talked later, notably Reber, were not so clear on this.

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5. [REDACTED] informed me that the position taken by JCS on NIE-64, although slightly at variance with the position they had taken on NSC 114/2, was not sufficiently different to justify taking any position. He had checked this with both [REDACTED]

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6. General McClelland informed me by phone that Air Force had agreed to take the action which we had requested relating to Station #61 and negotiations were presently under way with [REDACTED] to secure authority for Air Force's team to locate in the area. I undertook to, and did, send a note to [REDACTED] requesting his assistance in these negotiations. Informed the DCI on this development.

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7. Following the Deputies' meeting, spoke with the DCI and Mr. Hedden respecting a trip covering Asia and the Middle East. The DCI authorized same and Mr. Hedden and I tentatively fixed October 1 as date of departure.

8. Secured DCI's approval to the appointment of General Willems as permanent Chairman of the Watch Committee. This was cleared with G-2, Director of Air Force Intelligence, DNI and Mr. Armstrong. [REDACTED] is preparing the paper.

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9. Had a brief chat with [REDACTED] as to whether or not he desired to join the Intelligence Offices. Also discussed with [REDACTED] personnel of the 25X1A9a [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

10. Sat with the DCI and General Samford to review the latter's proposed changes on the summary evaluation of the net capabilities of the Soviets to damage the US by an attack on continental United States. The DCI suggested certain changes in General Samford's draft and then suggested that he sit down with Admiral Bieri and myself to prepare an agreed revision of the basic paper.

DCI agreed with the view expressed by General Samford and myself that under the existing directive it was not necessary to obtain concurrences by the other collaborating agencies. DCI approved General Samford's proposal that the paper, as agreed upon by CIA and Samford, would be reviewed by the NSC Senior Staff. Thereafter, DCI is to review it personally and express his final conclusions. DCI instructed me to prepare a letter of transmittal to NSC explaining the deficiencies in the present paper and requested NSC itself to develop machinery for the preparation of a "Commander's Estimate" for the NSC and the President. I later requested [REDACTED] to make a first draft of 25X1A9a such a letter of transmittal.

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12. [REDACTED] forwarded to me a press release given out in Denver respecting the mission of Walton and Jones and Co.

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13. Arranged with [REDACTED] for a briefing on certain of his activities at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 16. This was subsequently changed to 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, the 17th.

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15. Discussed with Mr. Reber the various proposals respecting coordination of PW research (during which I expressed to him my current thinking on these points) and the proposal to revise SE-16.

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16. Spoke to [REDACTED] about the suggestion that FI keep a "Who's Who" on those attending the Asian Peace Conference and he undertook to do so. 25X1A9a I later informed [REDACTED] to inform our offices about this.

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17. Attended NSC Senior Staff and there arranged to have luncheon on Tuesday, September 16 with Charles Noyes of Frank Nash's office.

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18. Discussed with [REDACTED] of ONE the procedure to be followed on the summary evaluation. They are preparing a revised paper.

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19. At the request of General Samford, cleared with Mr. Amory the loan of a [REDACTED] of O/RR to SAC for two weeks in October. Informed General Samford's office and requested that they get in touch with Mr. Amory directly.

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